

Homegoing Celebration

Dr. John Andrew David Ramsey



JANUARY 24, 1919 - APRIL 1, 1998

THURSDAY APRIL 9, 1998 ♦ 11:00 AM

EPHESIANS COGIC

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

ELDER CARR, HOST PASTOR

BISHOP W. W. HAMILTON, OFFICIATING
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE, CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST

Obituary

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are no so: but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psalms 1

"Mr. Hospitality" as he was commonly called as a result of his untiring work with the National Hospitality Department of the COGIC. Supt. Ramsey was known for being a giving, concerned and caring man. He gladly opened the doors of his church for various church services at no cost to anyone. Supt. John Andrews David Ramsey departed this life on Wednesday morning, April 1, 1998 at 12:00 a.m., following a lengthy bout with a prolonged illness.

Supt. John Andrew David Ramsey was born January 24, 1919 to the late Rev. Robert and Callie Ramsey in Ladonia, Texas. He was the fifth (5th) of nine (9) children. From childhood he was nurtured and taught in the admonition of the Lord. He received his formal education in Fort Worth, Texas before moving in Oakland, CA., in 1947. He served in the United States Army for two (2) years as a Master Sergeant. In 1948, he united with the Carleton Street Church (presently called, Ephesians COGIC) in Berkeley, CA. He later united with the Mingleton Temple COGIC, and also worshipped for a time with the late Bishop Bouleware. In 1950, Supt. Ramsey decided to increase his formal education by enrolling in the Patten College of Christian Education. He graduated with a Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degree. During Supt. Ramsey's stay at the Ephesians Church, he met Sister Cumine Ruth Tatmon and her daughter Carol Elaine. He married Sister Cumine Ruth Tatmon in September 1951. To this union one child was born, Junelda Annette.

Supt. Ramsey was the President of the Minister's Alliance while at Ephesians and taught many preachers via a "preachers class". As a result, several pastors, today, have reaped the benefits of his edification. He received the call of the Lord to shepherd a flock in 1958 and named the church "Greater Wayside COGIC. He remained devoted and faithful to his wife until death in 1981.

Supt. John Andrew David Ramsey was a man that wore many hats while working in the California Northwest Jurisdiction. He was President of the Public Relations Department, the Editor and chief of the first newspaper (called "The Voice") and he worked with the State Hospitality Department and worked very closely with the late Dr. Mattie McGlothen, National Supervisor of Women for the COGIC. Supt. John Andrew David Ramsey was one of the Pastors that was instrumental in organizing "The California Northwest Jurisdiction".

Supt. John Andrew Ramsey was employed in various jobs throughout his life. However, he was most commonly known as a building contractor and handyman. One of his most treasured accomplishment was the construction of the "Greater Wayside COGIC", at 6141 Market Street, in Oakland, CA.

On May 11, 1985, he married Missy. Sandra Lee Jones. He continued serving as Pastor of "Greater Wayside Church" with Missy. Ramsey working faithfully at his side. Because of her unconditional love for Supt. Ramsey and covenant with the Lord, Missy. Ramsey continued being a dedicated wife during his unfortunate and lengthy illness. It was her desire to keep her marriage vows, ".....until death do us part."

Supt. John Andrew David Ramsey will be greatly missed, but he is rejoicing right now. He must be saying, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Supt. John Andrew David Ramsey leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted and loving wife of 12 ½ years, Missy. Sandra Lee Ramsey, two (2) daughters; Missy. Carol Perry, of Oakland and Sis. Junelda Jenkins of Sacramento, CA; one (1) son-in-law, Elder E. Ross Perry: two (2) brothers: Bill of Fort Worth, Texas and Robert Lee of Sacramento, CA: two (2) sister-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Ramsey of Fort Worth, Texas, and Ms. Valree Ramsey of Sacramento, CA: two (2) sisters; Ms. Elizabeth Collins of Oakland, CA and Ms Naomi Ramsey-Robertson of Sacramento, CA, seven (7) sisters-in-laws, Missy. Dorothy Perry of Stockton, CA, Sis. Barbara Tillman of Sacramento, CA, Mrs. Helen Dickens of Pensacola, Florida; Sis. Ernestine Hunt of Foster City, Ms Pat Jones, Ms Janet Farmer and Ms. Brenda Jones of San Francisco, CA: one (1) brother-in-law, Mr. Alton Jones of Houston, Texas: two (2) granddaughters, Cynthia Elise Bobo and Eboni Cumine Prescott: two (2) grandsons, Joseph Darren Bobo and Kempton Michael-Jaraardt Reynolds: two (2) great granddaughters, Ashley Veronica Bobo and Nya Elyse Cooper: one (1) great grandson, Ashton Bobo: and a host of family, extended family, Adelle Walker (foster children) and friends.

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ORGAN PRELUDE
MASTER OF CEREMONIESElder J. W. Macklin
First Administrative Assistant, CNW

PROCESSIONALJurisdictional Bishop, Administrative Assistants, Executive Board,
Superintendents, Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Pallbearers, Family

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Area Choir.....Supt. R. Lyons, Minister of Music, CNW

INVOCATION.....Supt. J. Rice, District Superintendent

READING FROM THE HOLY WORD
OLD TESTAMENTSupt. J. W. Williams, Executive Board Member
NEW TESTAMENTSupt. L. A. Larkins, Executive Board Member

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SPECIAL REMARKS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVEPastor L. W. Keaton
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVEFormer District Missionary Laura Lester
STATE REPRESENTATIVE.....Supt. J. A. Jennings, Adm. Asst./Fin. Secry.
Dr. F. N. Wagoner/State Supvr. Of Women, Evangel Juris.
Mother Louise Perrodin/State Supr. Of Women, CNW

MUSICAL SELECTON.....Sis. Shelia Howard/Elder Tony R. Jones

SPECIAL REMARKS MISSIONARY NOLA MILLER
MISSIONARY PARA LEE ROLLINS
MISSIONARY CHARLOTTE ALLGOOD
ELDER JOE NOBLES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES.....Missionary Dorothy Herron
RESOLUTIONS and TRIBUTES

FAMILY
GRANDDAUGHTERCynthia Cooper
DAUGHTERS.....Sis. Carol Perry / Sis. Junelda Jenkins
LOCAL.....Wagoner Memorial COGIC
DISTRICT.....Missionary P. Dancy
STATEDr. E. J. O'Neal, Exec. Secy/ Admin. Asst.

READING OF OBITUARY(Please Read Silently)

SERMONIC SOLOMissy. Ruth Langston, Third Assistant Supervisor, NC

EULOGYBISHOP W. W. HAMILTON
Prelate of California Northwest Ecclesiastic Jurisdiction

CLOSING PRAYER
REVIEW AND RECESSION
(The repass will be held in the church cafeteria following these services located downstairs)

I'm Still Here

"His mouth is most sweet; yea he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend." Song of Solomon 5:16

Many said, "It wouldn't last"! Beloved May 11, 1998 would have been our 13th Wedding Anniversary. Life began for us with great expectation and excitement. Many could not understand our union and my promises to you. But, through it all God can witness the fact **"I'm Still Here"**.

Beloved I thank God for the short time we have had together. There were times it seemed God had truly forgotten us; but we remembered God said "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you". Beloved thank you for your laughter, noting was ever so gloomy we couldn't find time to laugh. Thank you for your "giving spirit". No one ever went away hungry or naked from your door. Beloved thank you for your friendship. If John Ramsey was your friend he was always your friend. Thank you for your outspokenness, when it was under control (smile); for you said things and did things other wanted to but didn't.

Well Beloved I have sat there watching the enemy come as a monster and attack you hoping to drive me away but with the help of God **"I'm Still Here"**. My last words to you were "Doc, don't worry about me now; I'm alright you have suffered old soldier, go and take your rest. Your healing is on the other side." Beloved as I sat by the shore watching you sail out I just wanted you to be able to look over your shoulders and say after we have come through the fire and through the flood **"That Girl is Still Here"**.

To my Beloved Husband
"Doc" from "Sandy"

Active Pallbearers

Elder James Bobo ♦ Elder Sam Bobo
Elder Robert Davis ♦ Elder Travis Herron
Elder Leon Rollins ♦ Elder Troy Sisk

Honorary Pallbearers

Elder John Burrell ♦ Elder James Branch
Elder Wallace Fortune ♦ Elder Delbert Brooks
Deacon Ocie Chatmon ♦ Elder Carl Howard

Appreciation

On behalf of Missionary Ramsey and family, we wish to express their Gratitude and heartfelt love for the many expressions of love, shown them through prayer, kind acts and deeds. It is our prayer that the promises of the Scriptures be our hope today, our peace tomorrow, and your comfort always. Continue to remember them in your prayers.

Interment

Friday, April 10, 1998 – 12:00 noon
San Joaquin National Cemetery
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Gustine, CA 95322
(209) 854-2276

FOUCHE'S HUDSON FUNERAL HOME

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Oakland, California
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